

An Important Message From Social Security

Good News About SSI For Legal Immigrants

The SSI welfare reform law has been changed.

- Legal immigrants who were receiving SSI on August 22, 1996, will continue to receive SSI payments. A notice will be sent to all affected recipients.
- Refugees, asylees and individuals whose deportation has been withheld can be eligible for SSI for up to seven years. Previously, the time limit was five years. If your immigrant status changes, contact Social Security.
- Certain legal immigrants who were residing in the United States on August 22, 1996, and who are blind or disabled are eligible for SSI. This eligibility will be regardless of age or the date their disability or blindness began.

For more information about SSI eligibility rules, call Social Security toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**, or contact your local Social Security office.



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